

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NY 15-62628(C) DATE: 9/21/73

FROM : [REDACTED] 271

SUBJECT: BURTON KAPLAN
TFIS

Photos of drop run by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Staten Island, N.Y. Photo in
1A section of this file. Informant
info states drop no longer active
but has never been busted.

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CLOSE ON THIS~~

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201 East 69th Street
New York, New York 10021
May 25, 1973

[redacted]
Strike Force
Eastern District of New York
Room 327
225 Cadman Plaza
Brooklyn, New York 11201

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Attention: [redacted] Assistant Strike Force Attorney

Re: [redacted]

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to my telephone conversation with Assistant Strike Force Attorney [redacted], enclosed you will find a xeroxed copy of the interview with [redacted] on an FD-302 dated January 25, 1973. This FD-302 was ordered by Federal Judge Jack Weinstein, Eastern District of New York, to be turned over to [redacted] defense attorneys through [redacted].

Sincerely yours,

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JOHN F. MALONE
Assistant Director in Charge

ENCLOSURE (1)

2-Addressee
1-New York (15-62083)

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK 15-62628

DATE: 5/23/73

FROM : [REDACTED] #56

SUBJECT:

(BERT KAPLAN)

TFIS-AH
OO: NY

Re NY report dated 12/6/72
all seven subjects plead guilty before
Federal Judge Jack Weinstein on 9/29/72 for possession
of merchandise stolen from a Solar Trucking Co
truck on 6-1-72. All defendants currently on probation
except [REDACTED] Burton Kaplan who [REDACTED]

respectfully,

All logical investigation has been conducted
in this matter and it is recommended this case
be closed on the authority of the SAC.

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On December 5, 1972, United States Strike Force Attorney [redacted] Eastern District of New York (EDNY) advised that the complaints against PAUL VARIO, SR., LOUIS MARINO and [redacted] had been dismissed upon instructions of the Department of Justice. According to [redacted] this case was discussed with representatives of the Department and [redacted] Chief Attorney of the Strike Force at Eastern District of New York (EDNY). The Department advised [redacted] that it would be best to dismiss the complaints at this time and let the state courts determine the legality of the affidavit used in obtaining the electronic listening device [redacted] New York. [redacted] stated that after the legality of the affidavit is determined the government will decide on whether or not to indict VARIO, MARINO and [redacted] on federal charges.

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On December 1, 1972, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] Eastern District of New York (EDNY) advised that the following subjects were sentenced before Judge JACK WEISTEIN on this date:

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[redacted]
[redacted]
by Judge WEISTEIN, commencing January 5, 1972.

On December 8, 1972, AUSA [redacted] advised the following subjects were sentenced by Judge WEISTEIN: BURTON KAPLAN to four years custody of the Attorney General, commencing February 9, 1972; [redacted]
[redacted]

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1-USA, EDNY (ATTN: AUSA [REDACTED])
1-USA, EDNY (ATTN: AUSA [REDACTED])
1-Strike Force, EDNY (ATTN: [REDACTED])
Report of: [REDACTED] Office: New York, New York
Date: DEC 26 1972
Field Office File #: 15-62628 Bureau File #: 15-71909

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Title: BURTON KAPLAN;
[REDACTED]
ET AL

Character: THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT - ARMED HIJACKING

Synopsis: On 12/1/72, subject [REDACTED] was sentenced by Federal Judge JACK WEISTEIN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] On 12/5/72, US Strike Force Attorney [REDACTED] EDNY advised that the complaints against PAUL VARIO, SR., LOUIS MARINO and [REDACTED] had been dismissed. On 12/8/72, the following subjects were sentenced before Judge WEISTEIN: BURTON KAPLAN, 4 years, custody of Attorney General; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

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ENCLOSURES (Cont'd)

and [REDACTED]

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LEADS:

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AT BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. Will maintain contact with
Strike Force Attorneys [REDACTED] EDNY regarding
PAUL VARIO.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE DEC 13 1972	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/26/72 - 12/8/72
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED BURTON KAPLAN; [REDACTED] ET AL		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY b6 am b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE TFIS - AH	

Title marked "Changed" to delete the names of subjects PAUL VARIO, SR., LOUIS MARINO and [REDACTED] because the complaints against these individuals have been dismissed by the Strike Force, Eastern District of New York.

REFERENCES:

New York report of SA [REDACTED], dated 11/1/72.

New York airtel to Bureau, dated 12/6/72.

New York airtel to Bureau, dated 12/11/72.

ENCLOSURES:

TO BUREAU (9)

Enclosed for the Bureau are seven (7) disposition sheets and two (2) parole reports regarding subjects KAPLAN

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED				<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN: PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (15-71909)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (15-62628) (P)
SUBJECT: PAUL VARIO, SR.;
ET AL
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(OO:NY)

On 12/11/72, AUSA [REDACTED] EDNY, advised
that on 12/8/72, subject [REDACTED]

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BURT KAPLAN also sentenced to four years, custody of Attorney
General, commencing 2/9/73; [REDACTED]

NYO will submit disposition sheets and parole
reports within thirty days.

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Subjects KAPLAN, [REDACTED] to
appear before Judge WEINSTEIN 12/8/72, for their sentencing.
Conviction reports will be submitted by NYO after the
scheduled sentencing date for the above for subjects.

12/6/72

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (15-62628)
SUBJECT: PAUL VARIO, SR.;
ET AL
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On 12/5/72, United States Strike Force Attorney [redacted] EDNY, advised that he had received instructions from the Dept. of Justice indicating that he was to dismiss complaints against PAUL VARIO, SR., LOUIS MARINO, and [redacted] stated that he was advised by the Dept. of Justice that the affidavit obtained by Brooklyn District Attorney GOLD's office for the eavesdropping device placed [redacted]

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[redacted] and that the Dept. of Justice feels it is best at this time to let the New York State courts determine the validity of the eavesdropping affidavit. [redacted] then stated that there would be no forthcoming indictment against VARIO, MARINO, and [redacted] and that he is taking a "wait and see" attitude until the State cases against VARIO have been settled.

On 12/1/72, subjects [redacted] appeared before Federal Judge JEFFREY WEINSTEIN, EDNY, for sentencing. WEINSTEIN sentenced [redacted]

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DETAILS:

On September 26, 1972, subjects [] KAPLAN, [] pled guilty to their indictments charging them with possession of stolen property and conspiracy before Federal Judge JACK WEINSTEIN. On same date, subjects [] also pled guilty to superseding informations charging [] (misdemeanor). Judge WEINSTEIN ordered probation reports on all subjects and set a sentencing date from six to eight weeks from September 26, 1972. Above seven subjects continued on bail by Judge WEINSTEIN until sentencing date.

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Copy to:

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1 - Strike Force, EDNY (ATTN: [REDACTED])

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Report of:

Office: New York, New York

Date:

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Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #:

15-71919

Title:

PAUL VARIO;
LOUIS MARINO;

Character:

BURTON KAPLAN;

Synopsis:

Character: THEFT FROM INTERSTATE SHIPMENT - ARMED HIJACKING

Synopsis: On 9/26/72, subjects [REDACTED] KAPLAN and

[REDACTED] pled guilty to their indictments before
Federal Judge JACK WEINSTEIN, EDNY. Subjects [REDACTED]
pled guilty to [REDACTED]

Judge WEINSTEIN. WEINSTEIN advised sentencing date would be
scheduled after probation reports on all seven subjects have
been submitted to him. On 10/24/72, Strike Force Attorney
[REDACTED] EDNY, authorized the filing of a complaint
charging PAUL VARIO, Sr., LOUIS MARINO and [REDACTED] in

[REDACTED] On same
date Magistrate MAX SCHIFFMAN, EDNY, authorized arrest warrants
for the three subjects. On 10/24/72, subject VARIO arrested
without incident at 450 7th Avenue, NYC. VARIO arraigned
10/25/72, before Magistrate CATOGGIO and remanded to the custody
of the USM, EDNY, in lieu of \$12,500 bail. Subjects MARINO
and [REDACTED] without incident after their
arraignments on local charges in Brooklyn, NY. [REDACTED] and
MARINO arraigned before Magistrate CATOGGIO, EDNY, and released
on \$10,000 personal recognizance bond. Preliminary hearing
set 11/15/72. Arrests of subjects VARIO, MARINO and [REDACTED]
based on electronic eavesdropping surveillance conducted by
Brooklyn District Attorney GOLD's office. Pertinent interviews
of subjects and witnesses set out in this report.

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TITLE CONT'D

[REDACTED]

BURTON KAPLAN;

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MARINO and (2) will follow prosecution of subjects VARIO,

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE NOV - 1 1972	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/7/72 - 10/25/72
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REFERENCE

New York teletype to Bureau, dated 10/25/72.
 New York teletype to Bureau, dated 10/24/72.
 New York report of ,
 dated 9/13/72.

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AT BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. (1) Will submit conviction reports regarding the seven defendants, who have already pled guilty, when they are sentenced before Federal Judge J. WEINSTEIN.

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State Rap Filed on Mob Figure

Paul Vario Sr., a reputed underworld counselor who was arrested by the FBI last week and charged with conspiracy in a truck hijacking, has been arraigned on similar state charges.

Vario, reputedly the acting counselor of the Tramuni crime family, had failed to make \$12,500 bail on the federal charges, presumably to avoid other indictments.

Brooklyn DA Eugene Gold obtained a writ of habeas corpus yesterday, and Vario was arraigned before Judge Vincent Damiani of Brooklyn Supreme Court on state charges of grand larceny. He pleaded not guilty, and bail was set at \$10,000.

On Oct. 24, Vario was arrested by the FBI and charged with conspiracy to aid and abet the theft of an interstate shipment in connection with the hijacking last June of a truckload of women's slacks.

The arrest stemmed from the bugging of a trailer in a Canarsie junkyard, which Gold has identified as a secret underworld meeting place.

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Hangouts

Gefkins Bar
9512 Flatlands Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

Driver's License

Robert's Lounge
114-45 Lefferts Boulevard
New York State
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Vehicle

Expires December 31, 1974
1972 Cadillac, New York License
KX 7741, registered to ANGELO
McCONNACH, 505 West Olive Street,
Long Beach, New York, also

Arrests

drives 1971 Mercedes Benz
Numerous arrests since 1931

Characteristics

Chain smoker, alcoholic, wears
pinky diamond ring on right
hand.

Occupation

Florist

Employed

Fountainbleu
3324 Fulton Street,
Brooklyn, New York (part-owner)

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Date of transcription 10/31/72

PAUL VARIO, Sr., 132 Island Parkway, Island Park, Long Island, was arrested at 450 7th Avenue, Room 3901, New York, New York, without incident. VARIO was advised that he was being placed under arrest in violation of the Theft From Interstate Shipment statute. VARIO was immediately appraised of his constitutional rights to remain silent and to his right to a lawyer which he immediately stated he understood and advised that he did not wish to discuss this matter.

The following background information was obtained through interview and observation of VARIO:

Name
Addresses

PAUL (No Middle Name) VARIO
132 Island Parkway, Island
Park, Long Island

678 Hemlock Street
Brooklyn, New York

9512 Flatlands Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

July 19, 1914

Brooklyn, New York

5 feet 11 inches

225 pounds

Heavy

Black and receding

Brown

Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Height
Weight
Build
Hair
Eyes
Wife
Complexion
Brothers

Medium

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Interviewed on 10/24/72 at New York, New York File # NY 15-62628-123

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Date dictated

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (15-71909)
(ATTN: MECHANICAL UNIT)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (15-62628)

SUBJECT: PAUL VARIO SR.;
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Enclosed for the Bureau are three reels of Super 8 millimeter color film supplied to NYO by Brooklyn DA GOLD's office. These reels of film are evidence in captioned matter as well as in local cases.

It is requested that each reel be duplicated twice by the Mechanical Unit and all reels be immediately returned to NYO so as the original can be returned to DA GOLD's office.

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Assistant District Attorney [redacted] Brooklyn Office, advised that his office has been conducting an investigation by means of an electronic device [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

FRIEDMAN stated that his investigation indicated that VARIO was running numerous criminal activities [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted]
device monitoring the conversations [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] stated that this conversation was recorded
[redacted]

[redacted] FRIEDMAN said all photographic evidence as well as logs and transcriptions would be made available to the FBI through him in the event that they wished to prosecute this matter at a federal level.

Interviewed on 10/16/72 at Brooklyn, New York File # NY 15-62628 1/2
by SA [redacted] :kbm Date dictated 10/20/72

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Bug Nips Hive Of Mobsters In Hijacking

The Canarsie "Gold Bug" stung a Mafia captain, and four underlings yesterday in the form of hijacking indictments. Three of the men, including the captain, Paul Vario Sr., were also arrested by federal authorities on similar bug-developed charges.

The announcement of the indictments came as a Brooklyn rackets grand jury began hearing testimony from a dozen of the 677 persons subpoenaed in the borough's biggest investigation of organized crime.

Little Talking Done

Nattily clad Mafia family head Carmine Tramunti, Vario's boss, was among the first to show up for the grand jury's questioning. He was observed huddling with Natale Evola, head of the old Joseph Bonanno family, in a hallway of the courthouse.

But that was about all the talking the pair of big-shot hoods did. Both asked the jury for additional time. District Attorney Eugene Gold, on hand for the session, said the men would "return before the jury next week. I will not permit anyone to stall." Gold refused to give details of any testimony by other witnesses.

Charged with grand larceny, criminal possession of stolen property, and conspiracy, were, in addition to Vario, 58, of 132 Island Parkway North, Island Park, L.I.; Geofredo Gallo, 36, of 2 Paerdegat 3d St., Brooklyn; Gallo's father-in-law, Louis Marino, 51, of 5207 Avenue T, Brooklyn; Albert Strause, 44, of 5 Paerdegat 7th St., Brooklyn; and John Pastore, 28, of 53 Milford Drive, Hauppauge, L.I.

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3. Your deponents interviewed [] who advised your

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deponent that: Burt Kaplan and []

[] That the cartons, identified as being part of the shipment of ladies slacks stolen from The Solar Trucking Corp. and recovered by your deponent, were to be [] until buyers could be found by Kaplan

and [] Kaplan said the ladies slacks would be there for only a short

time. Kaplan, [] pleaded guilty to supervising information in the Eastern District of New York charging possession on the part of Kaplan and [] of the goods noted in paragraph 1 and conspiracy to possess the same stolen goods on the part of []

On June 13, 1972 pursuant to a Court order, Kings County District

Attorney, Honorable Eugene Gold, was conducting a eavesdrop interception of

communications within together with an external physical surveillance []

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[] Assistant District Attorneys

and Agents of the F.B.I. provided your deponent with a transcript of a con-

versation between []

[]

Wherefore, your deponent respectfully requests that an arrest warrant be issued authorizing your deponent and other Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to arrest the defendants Paul Vario Sr.,

[] and Louis Marino and that the aforementioned defendants be

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dealt with according to law.

F.B.I.

U. S. MAGISTRATE
MAX SCHIEFFMAN

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

-v-

PAUL VARIO SR.

LOUIS MARINO

COMPLAINT

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Defendants

[redacted] being duly sworn deposes and says he is a Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, appointed according to law and acting as such.

He has probable cause to believe that the defendants Paul Vario Sr., [redacted] and Louis Marino conspired together and with each other to, and did, steal, conceal, embezzle and possess portions of a shipment of ladies slacks valued in excess of \$100 which slacks were embezzled and stolen while moving as and part of an interstate and foreign shipment of freight from Pusan, Korea to New York, New York, the defendants Paul Vario Sr., [redacted] [redacted] and Louis Marino knowing that the aforesaid slacks were stolen.

(18 U.S.C. 371, 2, 659) the reason for your deponent's belief and the source of his information are:

1. On June 1, 1972, Solar Trucking authorities advised Agents of the F.B.I. who advised your deponents that an interstate and foreign shipment of ladies slacks valued at \$45,000 was taken at gun point from a driver LOUIS MARINO at Canal and 6th Avenue, New York, while enroute from Pusan, Korea to New York.

2. On June 8, 1972, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere your deponents and other Agents of the F.B.I. recovered 157 cartons of ladies slacks identified as part of the shipment allegedly taken at gun point from Solar Trucking. 137 cartons were recovered from the possession of [redacted] and 20 cartons from

Cambi-Brooks Inc., 555 6th Avenue Room 2201, Manhattan, New York.

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Date:

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[] TESTIMONY RE KAPLAN IS INSTRUMENTAL IN HIS OBTAINING
OF A LOCAL INDICTMENT AGAINST PAUL VARIO.

ON OCTOBER EIGHTEEN, INSTANT, US STRIKE FORCE ATTORNEY
[] EDNY, WAS APPRAISED OF THE ABOVE FACTS AND
ADVISED THAT HE HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO SA [] APPEARING BEFORE
THE LOCAL GRAND JURY. [] STATED HE DOES NOT FEEL THAT THE
TESTIMONY OF SA. [] WILL IN ANY WAY JEOPARDIZE THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT'S CASE AGAINST PAUL VARIO.

UACB, SA [] WILL APPEAR AT A BROOKLYN GRAND JURY
ON OCTOBER NINETEEN, NEXT.

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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Date: 10/18/72

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (15-62628)

CHANGED, PAUL VARIO; [REDACTED] ET AL, TFIS DASH
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TITLE MARKED "CHANGED" TO ADD NAME OF SUBJECT PAUL
VARIO IN THIS CASE.

RENY AIRTEL TO BUREAU, OCTOBER ELEVEN, LAST, CAPTIONED
"PAUL VARIO DASH AR."

ON OCTOBER EIGHTEEN, INSTANT, ASSISTANT DISTRICT
ATTORNEY [REDACTED] BROOKLYN, NEW YORK OFFICE, REQUESTED
THE PRESENCE OF SA [REDACTED] TO APPEAR AT A LOCAL
GRAND JURY IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, ON OCTOBER NINETEEN, NEXT.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE WISHES SA [REDACTED] TO
TESTIFY TO THE ARREST OF BURTON KAPLAN, ONE OF THE SUBJECTS IN
CAPTIONED MATTER. DISTRICT ATTORNEY [REDACTED] ADVISES THAT HE
INTENDS TO INDICT SUBJECT VARIO ON LOCAL CONSPIRACY CHARGES
RELATING TO A TRUCK HIJACKING WHICH OCCURRED ON JUNE ONE, LAST,
IN NEW YORK CITY. DISTRICT ATTORNEY [REDACTED] STATED THAT SA [REDACTED]

PFC:slb

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Approved: _____

Special Agent in Charge

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Not every car was parked in the open, however. A shed on the southwest corner of the lot was used to conceal cars. At night, the trailer was spotlighted and the yard was patrolled by a nightwatchman and two dogs, one a German Shepherd whose reputation for viciousness was known in the neighborhood.

The investigation should come not so much as a revelation but as a confirmation of organized crime's contempt for the law.

For the men of my office and the cooperating law enforcement agencies, I wish to express my deep gratitude, and most especially to Deputy Police Commissioner [REDACTED], [REDACTED] the Assistant District Attorney in charge of the Rackets Bureau and Captain [REDACTED] J. the commanding officer of the detective squad assigned to my office.

PRESS CONTACT: [REDACTED] DIRECT LINE)

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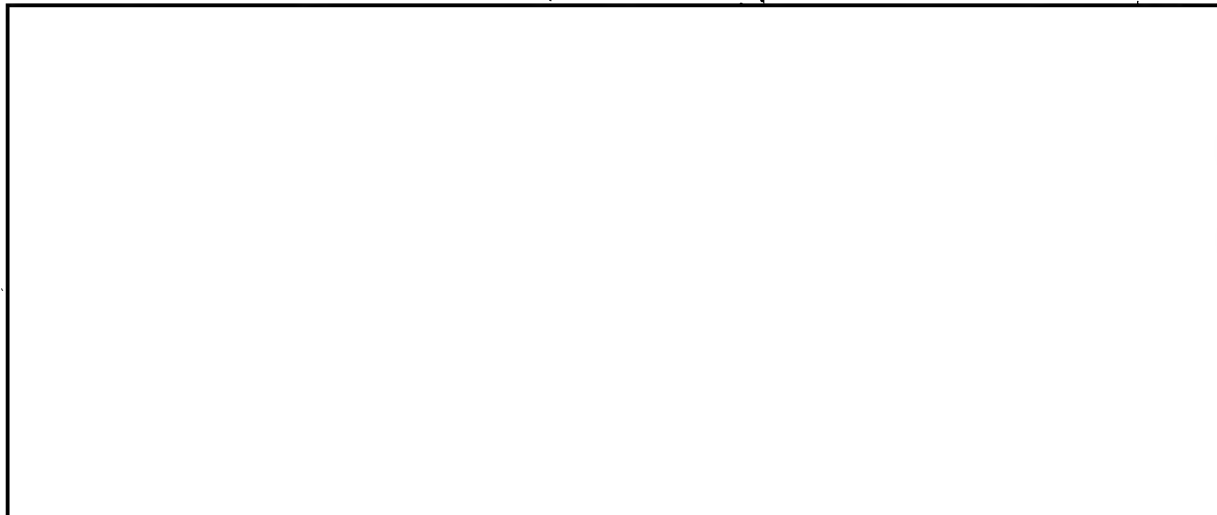
businesses, the cutting up of autos and boats, prostitution and violations of Alcohol Beverage Control laws.

Early this morning, 1,200 policemen began serving 677 Grand Jury subpoenas in eight counties--Kings, the Bronx, New York, Queens, Staten Island, Nassau, Westchester and Rockland.

The scope and depth of the investigation, which will become most appreciated in the months to come, centered on an inconspicuous 40 by 15 foot trailer in an auto wrecking yard at 5702 Avenue D, in Canarsie, which was ringed by a 12-foot high chain link fence, fortified by corrugated iron and by three strands of barbed wire, bringing the total height of the fence to 14 feet.

Surveillance of this junk yard compound, shaped like a rough triangle and measuring 300 by 200 feet, revealed the daily comings and goings of prominent members of the five organized crime families of New York City, and other people.

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This was no ordinary junk yard. Although filled with wrecked cars, the piles of parts were stacked so neatly that a man in a business suit could walk freely without soiling his clothes.



EUGENE GOLD
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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Kings County

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STATEMENT BY THE HON. EUGENE GOLD,
DISTRICT ATTORNEY, KINGS COUNTY,
ON OCTOBER 16, 1972.

For the past year my office has conducted a sweeping and intensive investigation into organized crime, penetrating its inner most workings and stripping away the insulation that has hidden and protected many of the most important people in organized crime.

Through an imaginative and innovative approach the Rackets Bureau of my office, working with the total and generous cooperation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, police and other agencies, has cracked a summit headquarters of organized crime in New York City and neighboring counties.

The view from the summit has not been pretty:

What we have learned, and the knowledge we will translate into a grand jury investigation, deals with the sale of narcotics, extortion and leansharking, corruption, coercion, bookmaking, policy, assault and robberies, burglaries, counterfeiting, hijacking, receiving stolen property, forgery, possession and sale of weapons, labor racketeering, stolen auto rings, untaxed cigarettes, insurance frauds, arson of

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FBI New York NY	Burton Kaplan #15-38097	not rec 3-7-66	Suspect	
WANTED BY BUREAU: Burton Kaplan, aka Bert Cohen (maybe ident) TFIS Fug Index #112069 Bu file #15-54164 O.O. New York info rec 1-21-66. NO LONGER WANTED per Bu Memo dated 1-27-66.				
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All descriptive factors (if any) furnished by you match
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Description and Related Data:

Race:

Sex:

Height: 5'9"

Weight: 170

Hair: Brown

Eyes: Brown

Date and Place of Birth: Brooklyn, New York

Scars and Marks: Burn scar right arm to shoulder

Address: (in 1972) 595 Vanderbilt Ave. Brooklyn, N.Y.

Occupation: Air-conditioner installer

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PD NY NY	Burton Kaplan #B489090	6-24-61	986 PL	7-12-61 acquitted
USM Brooklyn NY	Burton Kaplan #472-3717	1-17-66	interstate T (poss) T 18 Sec 659	9-27-68 ISS 2 yrs prob & \$500 fine; 2 yrs prob on chg of TFIS
Navy	Burton Kaplan #912 50 20	3-17-52		
PD NY NY	Burton Kaplan #489090	9-27-66	1308PL Fel CRSP criminal rec	
USM Bklyn NY	Burton Kaplan 2322 USM-2262	9-7-72	Theft from Foreign Shipments	
FBI NY NY	Burton Kaplan 15-62628	FP 9-7-72	TFIS	
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Date 10/1/72

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Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

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Other No. _____

Aliases

BERT, BERTIE Kaplan

Sex <u>M</u>	Race <u>W</u>	Birth Date <u>10/11/33</u>	Birthplace <u>Brooklyn</u>	Residence		
Height	Weight	Build	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Age

Fingerprint Classification

Scars, marks and tattoos

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